

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Yoichi OSE, et al. :
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
Filed: January 25, 2001 : Examiner:
For: SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 19, please change "Fig. 2 is" to --Figs. 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), and 2(d) are --.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is filed to briefly modify the Brief Description of Drawings. Entry of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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